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For The WAR CRIMES OFFICE

Judge Advocate General's Department -- War Department

United States of America

In the matter of mistreatment of " Perpetuation of Testimony of
American prisoners of war at the pri- " Arthur Laurence Maher, Captain,
son camps at Ohuna, Japan, between " USN #58105
the dates of 6 May 1942 and 3 Decem- "
ber 1943. "

Taken at: Navy Building, Bureau of Personnel, Room 4040, Arlington,
Virginia

Date: 20 November 1945

Reporter: Norval R. Strang, Agent, SIC, MD7.

Questions by: Lloyd E. Gluck, Special Agent, SIC, MD7.

Q. State your name, rank, serial number and permanent home address.

A. Arthur Laurence Maher, Captain, #58105, USN, and my permanent home address is 2237 Devonshire Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Q. Have you recently been returned to the United States from overseas?

A. Yes, on the 9th or 10th of September, 1945, disembarking at Oakland, California.

Q. Were you a prisoner of war?

A. Yes.

Q. At what places were you held, and state the approximate dates.

A. I was gunnery officer aboard the U.S.S. Houston which was sunk during a night battle in Sunda Strait, off the coast of Java, on 28 February 1942. About three hundred and fifty members of the ship's crew managed to reach shore at a point about one hundred miles from Batavia. Over half of this number was immediately taken prisoner by the Japanese Army, the rest of us managing to make our escape into the mountains. On 2 March 1942, I was captured in the mountains of Java by the Japanese Army Military Police and taken by motor truck to Serang, Java, where I was imprisoned until 6 April 1942, at which time I and thirteen other officers were taken to Batavia and placed aboard the Atsuta Maru, a Japanese ship bound for Shimoneseki, Japan. We arrived on 4 May 1942. We were moved by train from Shimoneseki to Ohuna, Japan, arriving there 5 May 1942. I was imprisoned at Ohuna from 5 May 1942 to 3 December 1943, at which time I was moved by train to Omori, the headquarters camp of the Tokyo area, arriving there on 3 December 1943. I remained a prisoner at Omori until 29 August 1945, at which time I was liberated by U. S. Navy personnel under the command of Commodore Simpson.

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Q. Did you witness any mistreatment of American prisoners of war at Ohuma?

A. On or about 10 May 1942, I was beaten with clubs for talking with another prisoner. We were not allowed to talk to each other. Another time I received a similar beating for failure to remove my shoes while in the concrete structure used as a washroom.

On or about 15 June 1942, Lt. Harlan G. Kirkpatrick, USN, of the U.S.S. Houston, was beaten severely with clubs across the buttocks and kidney region of the back, jumped on and kicked in the groin while on the ground. The Japanese version of why Lt. Kirkpatrick was beaten was that he had spilled a small amount of rice in serving the other prisoners.

On or about 15 July 1942, Lt. Walter G. Winslow, USNR, of the U.S.S. Houston, received a similar beating for drinking from a cup in the toilet area. The Japanese guards insisted that it was unsanitary to drink from a cup in that area.

On or about 1 November 1942, Lt. Carlton H. Clark, a Navy aviator, was beaten severely with clubs because he refused to give what the Japanese considered a satisfactory answer to their questions. Lt. Clark received another beating on or about 1 June 1943, under the accusation of the Japanese that he was not doing his work. Lt. Clark was suffering from physical exhaustion at the time of the second beating.

Lt. Commander John A. Fitzgerald, USN, of the U.S.S. Grenadier, was beaten severely on 1 June 1943 for talking to another prisoner.

Ensign Albert E. Mead, USNR, was beaten on 1 November 1942 for not giving what the Japanese considered true answers during his interrogation.

About the middle of August 1942, Ensign _____ Hunt, USNR, an aviator flying with an air squadron out of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, was beaten for talking to another prisoner.

On 1 November 1942, Lt. Commander David A. Hurt, U.S.S. Perch, was beaten for what the Japanese called "general conduct".

Lt. Commander Welford C. Blinn, USN, U.S.S. Pope, was beaten for talking with another prisoner. This beating took place on 1 November 1942.

Murray Glasser, AMM3/c, USNR, was beaten on 1 November 1942, for absolutely no reason. His compatriots had failed to answer questions in a manner to please the Japanese and Glasser, who had not been questioned, was punished.

Ensign _____ Rhodes, USN, Thomas C. Nelson, ARM 1/c, USNR, and S/Sgt. Theos (?) Lutg, from a B-24 shot down over Rabeul, all received severe beatings on 1 November 1942 for failure to satisfy their Japanese questioners.

Q. Describe the methods used by the Japanese guards in administering the beatings to these prisoners.

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- A. We were compelled to line up in the courtyard, and the Japanese guards would take turns beating us with wood clubs about four feet long and one and one half inches square, which they held in both hands. These were not clubs selected at random, but were regular issue to the Japanese guards. While many of the beatings were due to the sadism of the Japanese guards, others were meted out by the Camp Commandant, as well as his superior officers in the Japanese Navy.
- Q. Were there other forms of mistreatment?
- A. Under the guise of physical reconditioning the Japanese meted out severe punishment and beatings. We were forced to run for long periods of time, and any prisoner lagging behind or dropping from the line from exhaustion was beaten with the two-handed wood clubs. We were forced to do "push-ups" and other violent exercise for long periods of time. Failure to complete these "exercises" in a manner satisfactory to the Japanese guards would result in a beating.
- Q. Can you give the name of any American personnel concerned in these incidents?
- A. All the men listed in the foregoing received this punishment and can offer additional information. I was the senior prisoner at this camp and was interpreter, as the Japanese guards could not speak English. Therefore, I was informed of the ostensible reasons given for the beating of these men. The reasons have been listed above.
- Q. Can you identify the Japanese personnel at this camp?
- A. The commanding officer of the camp from the time of my arrival until about 1 October 1942 was Warrant Officer _____ Ouchi, Japanese Navy. W/O _____ Iida, Japanese Navy, replaced Ouchi as Commanding Officer. Commander C. Misaki, Japanese Navy, was interrogation officer, and came to the camp only when prisoners were to be questioned. A civilian interpreter, _____ Sasaki, accompanied Commander Misaki on his visits to the camp. Commander Misaki spoke excellent English and bragged about taking a post-graduate course at Princeton. The guards at Ohuna were all seamen first class of the Japanese Navy, and their last names are listed as follows: Yanagizawa, Ido, Matsuhori, Kawashima, Hazawa, Shimada, Yamada, Hamada, Tsuchiya, Nichi, and Kobayashi. Ohuna was not a regular prisoner of war camp, but was the Japanese Navy Interrogation Center, and we were given to understand that we were not considered as prisoners of war, but as rescued persons who could be dropped back into the sea at any time.

/s/ Arthur Laurence Maher
ARTHUR LAURENCE MAHER, Capt., USN

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 1945.

/s/ W. E. Aornham, 1st Lt. CIP
Summary Court, 2527 SCU.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lloyd E. Gluck, Special Agent, SIC, IDW, certify that Arthur Laurence Maher, Captain, USN #58105, personally appeared before me on the 20th day of November 1945 and testified concerning War Crimes; and that the foregoing is an accurate transcription of the answers given by him to the several questions set forth.

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Place: Washington, D. C.

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吉嶺邦人。七號 *

問 貴下、姓名、階級、兵籍番號、及本籍、述べよ

答 ^{ARTHUR LAURENCE FAHER}アーサー・ゴッシュ・ファハー 合衆國海軍大佐 第五八。五號 私、本籍は
2237 DEVONSHIRE ROAD NW WASHINGTON D.C.
コロムビア行政地區ワシントン市北西デヴォンシャ街二三七番地です。

私、一九四二年三月二十八日 ^{USS}シワッ沖 ^{USS}スミタ海峽、夜戦で沈没し米軍
艦 ^{HOUSTON}ハースト二號、砲術長トシテ乗艦して居りました。乗組員中約三百
五十名、^{BATAVIA}バタヴィア約百哩地点、海岸に漂流して出た者です。
大平八直ヲ日本陸軍ニヨリ俘虜ニシテ残り、者バドウバウ山中ニ
迷テオホセマシタ。一九四二年三月二日 私、シワッ、山中で日本、憲兵ニ捕ヘ
ニシトシテワッシヤ字、^{WAKKAN}ワッカニ運バシ其處同年四月六日近収容ヤシ同
日私ト他十三名、士官 ^{ATSUHARU}アツハラ下(運ヒテ行キ)日本、下關行、日本船
アツハラ ^{ATSUTU HARU}アツハラ東船ニシテマシタ。吾バ一九四二年五月四日ニ到着
シマシタ。汽車で下關カラ大船ニ運ビ一九四二年五月五日同地ニ着キマシタ。
私大船ニ一九四二年五月五日カラ一九四三年十二月三日近収容ヤシ同日
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月三日同地ニ到着シマシタ。私、大森一九四五年八月二十九日近俘
虜トシテ留リ同日 ^{WISCONSIN}ウィスコンシン海軍代將麾下、合衆國部隊員ニシテ
ヲ釋放セマシタ。

問 貴下、大船ニ於テ何ヲ米國俘虜、虐待ヲ目撃シマシタ。

答 一九四二年六月十五日前後、私、他、俘虜ト語シタト、トテ棍棒ヲ使

フシマシタ。シロバオニ語ラスルコトヲ許サシテ居マシタ。時私、沈没
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一九四三年六月十五日前後ニ米艦 ^{Houston} ハウストン 號東組、海軍大尉 ^{KIRKPATRICK} キークパトリック

ハ提督ヲ警部カラ捕、質職、トコロヲビドク改テ地上ニ

倒ヒタトコロヲ、ネニラシ鼠蹊部ヲ鑽ラシメタリ。 ^{KIRKPATRICK} キークパトリック 大尉、改テ

理由、日本人説明ヨレ、大尉ガ他、存虜違ニ給ハラミテヤルビ小量

叙ラコホシカラフトイフコトデシタ

一九四三年六月十五日前後ニ米艦 ^{Houston} ハウストン 號東組、海軍豫備大

尉 ^{WALTER GAY} ウォルターゲイ、^{WINSLOW} ウィンスロウ、役所ニ於テコッファ水ヲ飲ミ、トイフデ同様、

改打ヲ受ケタリ。日本看守達、其處デコッファカラ飲ム、非衛生的デ

ルト主張シテヤタナス。

/CARLTON H. CLARK/

一九四二年十一月一日前後ニ海軍飛行士 ^{CARLTON H. CLARK} カールトンエイタクラーク、海軍

大尉、日本人等、質問ニ対シ満足ニル様ニ返答ヲスルコトヲ拒絶

シ、トイ理由デ根柢ヲビドク駭ラシマシタ。クラーク大尉、一九四三年

六月一日前後ニ、彼ガ仕事ヲシテ居タイトイフ日本人、甲

立テル理由ニ依リ又改テシマシタ。 ^{CLARK} クラーク 大尉、

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米艦 /GRENADIER/ 九十四号乗組、海軍少佐 /JOHN A. FITZGERALD/

一九四三年六月一日、浮屠語にからりて爲ニドイ設テ、

合衆國海軍豫備少尉 /ALBERT E. MEAD/ 一九四三年十一月一日

訪問、際ニ日本人、真意ト思フ様、答辭ヲニテ、

一九四三年八月、中旬頃、海軍豫備少尉 /ALASKA/ /DUTCH HARBOR/

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ニ改テ、

一九四三年十一月一日、米艦、九十四号乗組、海軍少佐 /DAVID A. HURT/

日本人、普通、行爲、/General Conduct/ト稱シ、

米艦、九十四号乗組、合衆國海軍少佐、
他、浮屠語、

一九四三年十一月一日、改テ、

合衆國海軍豫備 /MURRAY GLASSER/ 一九四三年十一月一日

全、何、理由ニテ、改テ、

質問、答、

合衆國海軍少尉 /RHODES/ 合衆國海軍豫備 /ARM/C/

THOMAS C. NELSON /IRABEHL/ THEOS(?)

一九四三年十一月一日、日本人、質問者、

爲ニドイ、改テ、

同、日本人、看守、ガ、之、年、

方法、

登、吾、ハ、中、夜、ニ、整、列、

長、サ、約、四、呎、

一、吋、半、角、ノ、木、ノ、棍、棒、ヲ、両、手、ニ、持、ツ、

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代ル代ル殴リワケマシタ。コノ棍棒ハ出鱈目ニ選ビテモ、
 テハナリ日本人看守ニ正規ニ支給サレテキタモノデス。
 コノ殴打ノ多クハ日本人看守等ノ嗜虐性ヨルモノデ
 シタガ中ニ收容所長及ソレヨリ上級ノ日本海軍
 將校ヨリテ課サレタモノモアリマシタ。
 尚其ノ他ノ種類ノ虐待行為ガアリマシタカ。
 吾等ハ長イ間駐足
 谷身ヲ鍛エ直ストイフ口実ノ下ニ日本人ハヒトイ
 制裁ヤ殴打ヲ課シマシタ。吾等ハ長イ間駐足
 ヲサセラレ俘虜ノ中ニ疲勞ノタメ後オラ遅レテツイ
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 両手ヲ持ッタオノ棍棒ヲ殴ラレマシタ。吾等ハ腕
 立テ伏セ「PUSH-UPS」ヤ其ノ他ノ過激ナ運動
 ヲ長時間ニ直ッテ強制サセラレマシタ。此等ノ所
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米國海軍大佐

アサー・ローレンス・マー

署名

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署名者宣誓せしモノナリ

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